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MORE DELAY ON SENNESS DEAL LOOMS

Although a tentative understanding has been reached with the Torrance Board of Education that the new Walteria School site will be moved 127 feet northerly of Newton street, other hurdles still remain in the path of K. Sande Senness' 1100-unit Pacific Hills subdivision, it appeared today.

Next Tuesday Senness will appear before the Torrance City Planning Commission in regard to his application for a permit to remove sand and gravel from an existing pit in the hills, to be used in construction of his houses, he said.

"Nothing is definite yet about any street work or home construction," Senness said yesterday. "It will take from three to four months for me to get another subdivision map prepared, locating homes in the old school site."

Change in the Walteria school site was agreed upon at a meeting between Senness and the Board of Education last Friday, with representatives of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce acting as mediators in the matter. The site now agreed upon fronts on Madison street, and permits construction of one row of dwellings facing on Newton street.

The Board of Education will, however, proceed with its original plan to condemn the 10-acre site at the new location, which Senness maintains will cost the district more than \$2,500 an acre and possibly as much as \$3,000 an acre.

Drainage Work Is Delayed by Design Change

Progress on final plans and specifications for the Vista Highlands Improvement district has been delayed now that the school district plans to develop the Fern avenue annex as a playground, the City Council was advised this week.

"It is believed that a costly underground drainage system will be necessary to serve a portion of the area to be drained," City Engineer George Stevens said, "which will be costly and possibly prohibitive for the district."

Original plans provided for the drainage of surface waters into the so-called Fern Avenue playground, which was to act as an absorption settling basin. Even if the area were not to be developed, Stevens said, this proposed method of storm-water disposal should be used only as a last resort.

"This is but one of the many drainage problems that are arising," Stevens said, "due to development of areas that formerly absorbed the storm waters that fall or flow upon them."

Stevens said he was submitting his report to the council so that residents of the Vista Highlands area might know the status of the project, which was inaugurated before he became city engineer.

Up and Down Like Skirts, Says the WM

Much to our surprise we found the Weather Man scanning a woman's fashion magazine as we dropped in on him for the weekly report of meteorological happenings.

"Yep," he said as he flipped the magazine into the basket, "women's skirts and the weather are a lot alike. A lot alike. They both go up and down so often that it is tricky to keep track of them. For instance, take a look at this:"

Sept.	Maximum	Minimum
22	73	54
23	72	54
24	73	54
25	73	54
26	73	54
27	73	54
28	73	54
29	73	54
30	73	54
1	73	54
2	73	54



ANNOUNCES OPENING—Paul Jacobs, manager of the new Chaney's Department Store here, which opens tomorrow at the former J. C. Penney Company location on Sartori avenue.

NEW CHANEY STORE WILL OPEN FRIDAY

Chaney's Department Store, most recent newcomer to Torrance's rapidly expanding business district, will open its doors to the public tomorrow (Friday) morning at 10 a. m., it is announced by Paul Jacobs, manager.

The new Torrance store in the former location of the J. C. Penney Company on Sartori avenue will operate under the cash store principle which results in savings in overhead costs which are in turn passed on to the customer, Harold Chaney, owner of the store, stated. Chaney operates three other stores in Hawthorne, Gardena and Newhall.

A liberal will-call plan will be in effect for those who wish to purchase articles from their wide variety of men's and women's clothing, yardage, bedding and shoes for the entire family, Jacobs said. He added that a complete line of necessities for the expectant mother will be carried as well as a line of notions and sewing supplies.

Store hours will be from 10 a. m. to 5:40 p. m. on week days with hours of 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. on Saturdays.

School Bond Proceeds Due by Year's End

Proceeds from sale of bonds of Torrance Unified School District are expected to be available in from 30 to 60 days, it was estimated today by Emmett Ingram, business manager, following sale of the issue on Tuesday.

The district received a premium of \$15,080 on the bonds, which were accepted for an interest rate of 2½ percent by a group headed by the Bank of America.

The bond, which will be printed within the next week or 10 days, now that they are actually sold, are to be dated Nov. 1, 1948 and will mature beginning Nov. 1, 1949, through 1952 inclusive.

The financing covers \$1,322,000 for the elementary school and \$182,000 for high school purposes.

Other members of the group are Weeden and Company, Heller, Bruce and Company, J. Barth and Company, Lawson, Levy and Williams, Schwabacker and Company, Hill, Richards and Company, Paine, Webber, Jackson and Curtis and Kaiser and Company.

Carson, P. E. Crash Kills 1

A pedestrian visitor from Colorado was killed Sunday when he was struck by a Pacific Electric car at the intersection of the tracks with Carson street, near Normandie avenue, police said.

He was James H. Malley, 25, of Pueblo, Colo., and was struck by a car enroute from San Pedro to Los Angeles. The motorist was Martin C. Holk, of 2166 Caspian street, Long Beach.

Council Hires More Firemen

Employment of three more firemen was authorized this week by the Torrance City Council, to augment the city's fire-fighting force.

The new appointees are Harry Drake, Carl Nalborski and Gordon Jonsrud.

CHAMBER MEMBER
 Membership rolls of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce now list C. Douglass Smith, city attorney, as a member.



PENNIES FROM TORRANCE—This gallon-size keg of eight-penny nails, cut from steel manufactured in Torrance, ended up in the office of Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York yesterday. Otto Kresse, general superintendent of Columbia Steel, is shown here presenting the specially-made keg to Tallulah Nagy, Torrance's 'Miss Industry' who took her free air trip to the eastern metropolis this week. Miss Nagy's letter of introduction, signed by Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr., left, also landed on Mayor O'Dwyer's desk, along with the "home grown" nails.

'Five Points' to Be Studied by Engineers

Traffic experts of the Auto Club of Southern California and the County Regional Planning Commission are to be asked to help work out a solution for the confusing traffic flow at Five Points, City Engineer George Stevens said yesterday.

As soon as recommendations have been received from these two bodies the city will advise the local Chamber of Commerce, which last week asked for a careful study on it, Stevens said.

Need for a better arrangement to direct the flow of traffic at the five-point intersection is growing with the increasing personnel of local manufacturing plants and with construction activities.

Enrollment Record Set

Enrollment in Torrance public schools passed the 3000-mark this week with adjustments in attendance, mostly in the high school, which now has a larger enrollment than last year, according to Superintendent J. H. Hull.

The new total as of Tuesday noon was 3038. Several students have transferred to Torrance High School from Inglewood, for example, where they attended last year, although their residence now is in Torrance.

Reversely, some students living in the Shoestring strip who preferred to attend the local high school have been required by law to attend Banning High School because they are residents of the city of Los Angeles.

Registration Fills Books!

Late registrants who sought the right to vote in the coming Nov. 2 election kept the Torrance city hall open until after 10 o'clock last Thursday night, the deadline to register.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and the three other deputy registrars ran out of books and obtained unfilled books from other deputies throughout the city. At 10 p. m., however, the entire supply was exhausted.

Bartlett said he expected to know the city's total registration in about three weeks, and that it probably would set a new high mark.

Parking Urged on Cravens and El Prado Corner

Improvement of the city-owned public parking lot at El Prado and Cravens, opposite the Civic Auditorium, was requested of the Torrance City Council this week by the Chamber of Commerce.

"Properly improved, this area will accommodate cars of merchants and clerks who must drive to work, and leave added space in the close-in parking lots for shoppers," the resolution adopted by the chamber directors stated.

Investment in Apartments to Exceed Million

Investment in the Palos Verdes Apartment project in Hollywood-Rivera will exceed \$1,000,000 by a considerable sum as soon as additional permits are taken out for plumbing, heating and electrical work, according to John Patrick, city building inspector.

The total of \$827,000 issued to the builders, the Republic Construction Corp., last week had been boosted to a total of \$933,650 by a new summation of the permits on file this week. Grading work on the site overlooking Torrance Beach is to begin next Monday.

The other principal building permit of the past week was issued to the Torrance Hospital Association for construction of the new wing at Torrance Memorial Hospital, at a cost of \$34,000. Other permits issued within the last week follow:

John Melville, 1423 Beech ave., addition to residence, \$1,000; Roy M. Whittell, 1925 Hickory avenue, garage, \$450; O. H. Cragtree, 2026 W. 236th street, 250-barrel storage tank, \$100; Real Estate Management, 2218 Torrance boulevard, store building, \$300; Joseph Rowe, 1635 Torrance boulevard, tool house, \$200;

Mrs. A. Disario, 2413 Carson street, residence and garage, \$15,200; George W. Leech, 727 Border avenue, addition, \$3700; Tidewater-Associated Oil Company, 2114 Torrance boulevard, storage tank, \$100; Leo Radford, 3445 Emerald avenue, addition, \$600; Martin L. Miller, 4052 Hickman drive, residence and garage, \$6500.

3-Wheeler Tip Hurts Two

An elderly couple was injured slightly last Friday afternoon when their three-wheel Motorcette overturned at Sepulveda and Hawthorne boulevards.

Treated at the Torrance Medical Center for minor bruises and abrasions were Stanley Wandor, 65, and Anna Wandor, 64, both of 2521 Redondo Beach boulevard.

Title Winner Having 'Time of Her Life'

Tallulah "Miss Industry" Nagy is in New York and having the time of her life, according to a wire received by her mother, Mrs. Blanche Nagy, editor of the National Supply Company's "National News."

Tallulah was met at the Newark Airport Sunday night by George Batchelor of Arrow Airways who furnished Miss Industry with a round trip air ticket to New York for winning the recent Factory Frolic contest.

She was escorted to the Biltmore Hotel where she began her five-day stay as a guest of the Factory Frolic Committee. Monday she was met by a representative of the New York offices of the General Petroleum Corporation who took the title winner on a tour of the big city which included the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, Radio City, Empire State Building and dinner at a Romanian restaurant. She also attended the Broadway hit "High Button Shoes."

She also was scheduled to present a gallonsized keg of nails, a Torrance product, to Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York this week, with greetings from the local Chamber of Commerce.

The Torrance-Lomita Realty Board is on record as "rigorously objecting to the issuance of a permit to operate a mud pit on land owned by the Santa Fe or CCMO on Madrona avenue," as the result of action taken at Tuesday night's board meeting, and urges the City Council not to grant the permit. The board's letter to the Council said, in part:

"We feel that the time has come when careful consideration should be given to the future development of our community. Under the present set-up industry is pretty well situated and located in respect to residential and future development of both industrial and residential areas.

It is our conviction that the following facts should be sufficient evidence and adequate grounds for refusal to grant this permit.

First: The western portion of our city between Torrance boulevard and Sepulveda boulevard should be kept for the future development of residential area, including all territory west of Crenshaw boulevard. This should be retained for the development of homes.

Second: The future development of our industrial area, which is now definitely located, calls for development of residential area within easy access to the seat of employment.

Third: The future financing of residential development in this area will depend largely upon the location of all industry in the area. We are all aware of the fact that financial institutions hesitate in financing residential development surrounded by industrial plants.

Fourth: We feel that an industry of the nature in question should be located in the now developed industrial area and would suggest a location in the northern portion of the city adjacent to the General Petroleum development be considered for such a project, especially that territory lying west of Crenshaw boulevard."

Plans Ready For Big \$12,000,000 Torrance Plant

Another multi-million-dollar manufacturing plant for the city's rapidly-expanding industrial district was assured today with the opening of escrow proceedings for a 15-acre site on the Santa Fe triangle fronting on Crenshaw boulevard, opposite the Pacific Electric yards.

The Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company's paint division will erect the plant and plans for the buildings already have been completed by a Los Angeles architect, it was further learned.

Investment of approximately \$12,000,000 will be represented in the new plant, which will be served by the Santa Fe's harbor line through this city. Employment will be provided for between 200 and 300 persons and the plant itself will be the most modern of its kind in the Southland.

Final details relating to the start of actual construction were being worked out this week by Santa Fe officials, in meetings with city officials to discuss zoning regulations and the city's building and fire ordinances.

Old buildings now on the site of the plant already were being removed this week. The old barn, believed to have been erected some 30 years ago, was the first to fall before the wreckers' hands.

A. E. Cook, manager of the Narbonne Ranch water companies affected, said that lack of advance warning as to the exact time of the cycle change made it impossible to notify water users.

The area affected by the emergency is within the following boundaries: Hawthorne avenue on the west, 240th street on the south, 225th street on the north and Walnut avenue on the east.

All water users were being canvassed by the water company yesterday after the pumps were shut off, and urged to use extreme conservation measures. Farmers were being asked not to irrigate until after the emergency.

Residents of other sections of Torrance will not be affected by the current change, according to William Stanger, of the Torrance Water Department.

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Preliminary hearing has been set for 2 p. m. this afternoon in the court of City Judge Otto B. Willett.

City Inquires About Safety at Navy Yard

Inquiry as to what steps are being taken by the Navy to insure against any debacle which might result due to negligence or the sabotage of gasoline stored at the Torrance Naval depot was directed to the commander of the Long Beach Naval Base this week by City Attorney C. Douglass Smith.

"This is not a criticism either from this office or from the citizenry of this city," Smith explained adding that "the city would like to have the assurance of the Navy that our apprehension is without foundation."

Several citizens have appeared before the City Council who are apprehensive of a potential disaster, because the yard is near a residential district on one side,

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Assistance of the city in rehabilitating the Girl Scout house on Plaza del Amo was requested of the Torrance City Council this week by Mrs. Carroll Humphreys, neighborhood chairman.

"Walls of the building have been viled and it cannot be used," Mrs. Humphreys said. "Windows have been broken by vandals, and the area needs patrolling by police." It also needs to be "burglar-proofed," she said.

City Engineer George Stevens was instructed to visit the building and determine what the city could do about it.

Truck Drivers Stoned; Four Men Arrested

For assertedly throwing rocks and bottles at police-convoysed gasoline truck tankers leaving the Union Oil Company's tank farm on Lomita boulevard, four men were arrested this week by the Torrance police and booked on a felony.

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Aid Asked on Crenshaw Job

Funds for acquisition of the right-of-way that will be required to remove the jog from Crenshaw boulevard north of 190th street, have been requested out of State gas tax funds, City Engineer George Stevens disclosed yesterday.

Upon approval by the state, proceedings will be started immediately for the acquisition and the improvement will proceed as soon thereafter as possible, Stevens said, adding that the project was submitted to the Division of Highways several weeks ago.

With the completion of the new Biltmore Home tract at Crenshaw and 174th street, traffic between North Torrance and the business district is expected to increase considerably.

Realty Board Asks Council to Deny Madrona Avenue Mud Pit

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'HEADS UP!!'—Noist operators shout warning to workmen 400 feet below at entrance to 800-foot long tunnel as they lower bucket into seven-foot diameter shaft just off Lomita boulevard, west of Pennsylvania avenue. Another entrance to the tunnel was opened this week 400 feet west. Story on Page 1-C.
 —Herald Photo